

REMARKS

Claims 14-16, 18-27, 38-40, 42-48, 55-58, 60-66, 74-76, and 78-83-90 are pending in the application.

Claims 14-90 have been rejected.

Claims 14-16, 18-20, 22, 24-27, 38-40, 42-45, 47-48, 55-58, 60-66, 74-76, 78-81, and 83 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 17, 28-37, 41, 49-54, 59, 67-73, 77, and 84-90 have been cancelled.

Telephone Interview of September 21, 2007

Appreciation is expressed for the telephonic interview conducted on September 21, 2007 between Examiner Le and Brenna Brock, Applicants' attorney. During the interview, the claim amendments presented above were discussed. Examiner Le indicated that these amendments would overcome her current concerns. The undersigned believes this paper is in harmony with the positions expressed during the interview.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Prior to this amendment, claims 14-90 stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ariel Orda and Raphael Rom's article "Routing with Packet Duplication and Elimination in Computer Networks," IEEE Transactions on Communications, Volume 36, No. 7, July 1988 (hereinafter referred to as "Orda"), in view of U.S. Patent 6,760,328 issued to Ofek et al. (hereinafter referred to as "Ofek"). During the phone interview summarized above, Examiner Le indicated that the amendments presented herein would overcome the outstanding concerns with respect to cited art. Accordingly, this rejection is believed moot in light of the amendments presented herein.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5087.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to deposit account 502306.

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